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## Editorial

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Ol' Trout.

As the warmer weather approaches it is a good opportunity to increase our fitness. The Cassiobury Park run has just had its first anniversary. It now gets almost 300 runners each Saturday morning. It is free. Just Google "Park runs" and you will be taken to the web site. It is for all speeds, the distance is 5km/3miles, running/jogging/walking, times range from a fast 17mins to a more sedate 50mins. I ran it on Christmas day, it was great.

Also do forget Yoga classes. Yoga classes are offered by **Tarun Mittal** on Sunday mornings free of charge. Please visit the LRA website ([http://www.lraonline.org.uk/activities\\_yoga.html](http://www.lraonline.org.uk/activities_yoga.html)) for more information.

Have a very enjoyable Easter break.

## Robert Kenison

### Chairman's Words

Despite a few frosty mornings, it's great to see the daffodils out in full bloom, reminding us that we are being treated to an early Spring!

I'd like to start by thanking you for your support in our campaigns over the last few months.

The first was an email campaign to maintain David Gauke MP's awareness of the broadband issues in Loudwater. Over 70 of us emailed him to highlight our dissatisfaction. He responded to us and even phoned me to promise he will ensure BT is aware they are "being scrutinised". Councillor Heather Kenison has also been doing some very good work with her senior contacts in BT and Openreach.

The second was our "Pot Hole Mania!" campaign to report the growing number of pot holes in the area. We had good feedback from residents so are confident a lot of pot holes were reported. Hopefully this will raise Loudwater's profile and prompt some action. Heather, John Thompson and I are actively going to council meetings, lobbying councils and applying for any grants we can find to improve the road situation.

We have a lot more planned for 2016 so please put these dates in your diary:

**Abba Night** - Many thanks to everyone who has already registered for this exciting evening of dinner and dancing at Moor Park on **Friday 15th April**. We have some places left and the evening is now open to guests. Please use the attached form (or you can download one from our website) to secure your place.

**Summer BBQ** - 2016's event of the year, on **Sunday 10th July**, will have an American theme as it is very close to Independence Day. We will have an American-style BBQ, red, white and blue welcome

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### Diary of Events

Alex Buxton

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cocktails and, most importantly, a mechanical bull. Naturally, there will be a prize for whoever rides the rodeo bull the longest!

**LRA AGM** - if you can, please join us for our AGM. It will be a good opportunity to meet with the LRA Committee and share your ideas with us over a few glasses of wine on **Thursday 12th May**. The agenda is at the back of this edition of The Ol' Trout or can be downloaded from the website. Last year's minutes and financials are available on request.

**Quiz Night** - following the success of last year's Quiz Night, we are planning to hold this event again on **Friday 17th September**.

As always, if you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions about Loudwater, please do not hesitate to contact me on [chairman@lraonline.org.uk](mailto:chairman@lraonline.org.uk).

## Alex Buxton

### Fibre Broadband Rickmansworth Cabinet 10

At the end of last year, David Gauke MP received a reply from Openreach, in response to a constituent's query, stating that this cabinet had once again been withdrawn from Openreach's commercial programme. I therefore made enquiries with BT's Major Complaints Department to ascertain why this had occurred. The response was most encouraging stating that the cabinet was still in Openreach's programme and still on schedule to provide fibre broadband in Spring 2017.

Openreach has no obligation to tell local authorities if it withdraws a cabinet for commercial/technical reasons. However Cabinet 10 is known to be "politically sensitive" and Openreach will flag up internally with BT if there is any risk of it being withdrawn or delayed.

On this basis, I am told by BT that "no news is good news"!

## Heather Kenison

### Wine Club

The Club has been a hive of activity lately, since my last article we have held our Christmas black tie dinner at Moor Park Mansion in the lovely Thornhill Room attended by 48 members, a vertical tasting of fine French Bordeaux wines in January at the barn. Last Friday we held our AGM followed by a superb boeuf bourguignon prepared by committee member Jo Homewood and husband Charles. We are also in the throes of preparing for a lunch at Prime Steakhouse, Chandlers Cross on 31st March. Then there is the wine tasting on 22nd April to organise. We have to fit in a trip to Denbies vineyard in May, followed by our trip to Champagne in early June.....and there's more for later in the year!

So, if you would like to join one of our events and are not a member, please contact Carole, our secretary ([carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk)) and she will make all the arrangements and ensure you are welcomed at the event. We are a friendly group with an active social scene and tutored wine tastings.

Please come along and give us a try.

**Colin Timms**

## Red Kites

In recent articles of the Ol' Trout Red Kites have been featured. Red Kites have been seen in Loudwater in recent years and the numbers are growing. It appears they are becoming a problem in Loudwater due to some local residents feeding the Red Kites. Due to this local feeding around Trout Rise area there is a large group of Red Kites; over 20 have been counted in the sky. The abundance of food drives the numbers of birds in a particular area.

The number of birds appears to be causing a problem for some residents of Loudwater. The birds are dropping chicken bones into gardens and swimming pools, kites swooping low and soiling of residents windows/cars, etc simply because their neighbour chooses to feed the kites. Also the noise made by such a large flock of birds has become a nuisance.



In the Chilterns, there is no conservation reason to provide additional food for the kites as enough natural food is available, and has been for more than 20 years, to sustain a naturally healthy population of kites.

It is best that these birds fend for themselves. **Please do not feed the Red Kites with chicken pieces.**

### Background

Red kites were driven to extinction in England by human persecution by the end of the nineteenth century. A small population survived in Wales, but there was little chance of these birds repopulating their original areas.



## (Red Kite **Please do not feed the Red Kites** )

Between 1989 and 1994, kites from Spain were imported and released into the Chilterns by the RSPB and English Nature (now Natural England). Red kites started breeding in the Chilterns in 1992 and now there could be over 1,000 breeding pairs in the area. The reintroduction has been so successful it is not possible to monitor all the nests, so the overall size of the population can only be estimated.

Since 1999, chicks have been taken from the Chilterns to reintroduction sites in other parts of the country. The red kite reintroduction has proved to be one of the greatest conservation success stories of the 20th century.

In March, kites begin to spend more time in potential nesting areas. They will use nests abandoned by other birds, or will build their own in tall trees. The nests are made from large sticks and are normally lined with wool, which the birds collect along with other unusual items such as pieces of plastic and sometimes even items of clothing.

By mid-April the female lays up to four white eggs, flecked with light brown, of which one to three usually hatch after 34 days. The young birds fledge in about six to seven weeks and will remain with their parents for a further week to ten days.

Red kites mainly scavenge on dead animals, but are opportunistic hunters, capable of killing small animals. They will feed on chicks, small mammals and invertebrates such as beetles and earthworms.

The belief that kites killed lambs and gamebirds led to their widespread persecution in the past. Although they do not habitually prey on larger animals or birds, isolated reports of them attempting to take larger live prey such as rabbits, squirrels, chickens and partridges have been received. They will thrive on dead lambs and pheasants.

A kite's territory varies depending on the abundance of food. Where food is plentiful, large numbers of kites can be found living together.

Red kites are protected at all times. It is illegal to disturb the birds while they are nesting or at any other time.

**Robert Kenison**

## Garden Club

When we last visited the Savill Garden at Windsor, they were in the process of laying out a new rose garden. So when, in response to popular demand, we decided to re-visit, we chose to go in June to see what had been achieved. We were not disappointed. In brilliant sunshine, the massed roses in their new sweeping curved beds round a designer viewing platform were a glory of scent and colour. In addition, we once more enjoyed a special "Gardeners' Lunch" in our own private marquee with one of the senior gardeners present to answer all our questions.



In September we journeyed over to Essex to visit Green Island Garden. This is a relatively new and still developing garden with themed gardens set in surrounding woodland. It is being created by its owner with a minimum of volunteer help and will take a while to reach maturity. As usual, the sun shone and an enjoyable time was had by all.



In late October we headed for the Cotswolds to Batsford Arboretum. We left in the pouring rain but the Garden Club's weather luck held and we arrived at the Arboretum as the weather cleared, and we were able to enjoy the amazing autumn colours in glorious sunshine. Scarlet and crimson maples were outstanding and a Mountain Ash with masses of *pink* berries was a new one to all of us. The weather stayed warm enough to have lunch out in the sun before piling back into the coach to call in at Cotswold Garden Flowers, one of the ten best specialist nurseries for hardy perennial plants. We all set out for home loaded with new specimens for our gardens.

Finally, on 25<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed back members to our ever-popular Gardeners' Question Time, back, thanks to the generosity of Anna Hauser, at Mont au Source in Loudwater. The large audience all had a most enjoyable evening. Our team of experts, old friends to most of us by now, were on top form, managing to combine advice on our gardening problems with wit and humour. The evening concluded with a tasty buffet and plenty of gluhwein.

The Garden Club has a full program of events planned for 2016 which can be found on the LRA's online calendar. We would be delighted to welcome you if you would like to join us on any of our trips.

**Margaret Jarrett**

### **River Chess**

A local resident has raised concern to the LRA about the maintenance of the trees and shrubs along the banks of the River Chess as it flows through Loudwater. It was stated that the excess foliage and river plants are having an impact on the flow of the river and wild life using the river. A request was made to highlight to owners of property which border the River Chess to ensure excess foliage and broken branches are removed. I believe some of the covenants for houses bordering the Chess have statements regarding maintenance.

**Robert Kenison**

### **Dog Fouling**

Can we politely remind residents to keep an eye on their dogs. We have received reports of dogs wandering unsupervised around Loudwater Lane and fouling in other people's gardens.

**Alex Buxton**

### **Metropolitan line extension**

In order to prepare for the new viaduct over Baldwins Lane substantial utilities work needs to take place in and around Baldwins Lane and A412 Watford Road. This will be undertaken in phases from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 for up to six months, as the various utility companies complete their work.

The first phase will take place from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The work involves excavating areas of the carriageway and footways in order to divert existing water, gas, electric and communications services.

The majority of work will take place between 0800hrs and 1800hrs from Monday to Sunday. Traffic management will only be on the carriageway during the following times:

Weekdays (from 9.30am to 4pm) and weekends (all day): Single eastbound lane closure on the Watford Road roundabout and Baldwins Lane approach and Watford Road exit.

Weekdays (from 9.30am to 4pm): Single lane working on Baldwins Lane managed by stop/go signage.

As part of the work they will need to suspend parking on the eastbound carriageway of Baldwins Lane, along with the closure of the footway.

They are expecting to undertake night-time works on Wednesday 9 March 2016 just outside the entrance to Cinnamon House at the Watford Road roundabout.

The work is still subject to final approvals from Hertfordshire County Council Highways.

Since mid-January we have undertaken some selective tree clearance along the disused corridor and in the location of the new viaduct.

From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February, for three weeks, we plan that work will be focused on removing the trees on the railway embankment either side of Baldwins Lane.

### **Station Road Bridge Works Reminder**

The new bridge sections are being constructed on the building site in Victoria Close. The new sections will then be transported across the road at Easter.

There will be road and rail disruption over Easter weekend, 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March whilst the construction is being completed.

**Robert Kenison**

### **Theatre Club**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, with the sun shining brightly down on us, 12 of us set off on Theatre Club's first outing for 2016.

'Mr Foote's Other Leg' at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket lived up to everybody's expectations. The performance was both sumptuous in set and marvelously entertaining with Simon Russell Beale playing the part of the legendary Mr Foote to perfection.

We hope to have two further trips this year with the next one booked for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, a matinee performance of Ray Cooney's comedy 'It Runs in The Family' at the Mill at Sonning.

Together with the performance, seats have been booked to enjoy lunch at the much acclaimed setting - perhaps a chance for a 'catch up' with other members.

Abintah and I would like to thank everyone for their encouragement and help in getting Theatre Club off the ground again and look forward to its longevity with the members' continued support.

**Abintah Zuberi and Shehnaaz Kassamali**

## Golf Society

Date...**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 from 12.00.midday**....First tee times from 1.00pm.

Venue ...Sandy Lodge Golf Club, Sandy Lodge Lane, Northwood, Middx. HA6 2JD.

Cost will be £70 which includes coffee on arrival, 18 holes golf, and dinner from approx. 7.30pm. Sandy Lodge members will be charged £40.00. We hope all golfers will stay for dinner from 7.30 and non-golfing wives, partners and guests are very welcome to join us in the evening for dinner. Cost £25.00

Although this is a golf day it is an opportunity for Loudwater residents and their guests to enjoy a pleasant social event. Non golfers are very welcome to join us for drinks and dinner in the evening. It is great to see new residents take part and if you know of any new residents who would like to join us please make them aware of the event or let me have their details and I will contact them directly.

The format will be an individual stableford competition ladies and gents and there will be some other competitions on the day. Thank you to all who supported the event last year and I hope you can join us again this year.

We are always grateful for sponsorship to help cover the cost of prizes and raise some money for local charities so if you can help please get in touch.

Please register your interest by emailing me your details so that I can ensure that all interested parties get the correct details on time.

I look forward to an enjoyable day.

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**Percy McCloskey**

## We are survivors

For those born before 1940!!!

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos, mobile phones, computers, internet and the pill. We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ball point pens, before dishwashers, electric blankets, air conditioning, drip dry clothes and before men walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?) We thought "fast food" was what you ate in Lent, a "Big Mac" was an oversized raincoat and "crumpet" we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating and "sheltered accommodation" was where you waited for a bus.

We were born before day care centres, group homes, and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, artificial hearts, word processing, or young men wearing ear rings. For us "time share" meant togetherness, a "chip" was a piece of wood or fried potato, "hardware" meant nuts and bolts and "software" was not a word.

Before 1940 "made in Japan" meant junk, and the term "making out" referred to how did your exams, "stud" was something you fastened a collar and to a shirt and "going all the way meant" staying on a double decker bus to the terminus. In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, "grass" was mown, "Coke" was kept in the coal house, a "joint" was a piece of meat you ate on a Sundays and "pot" was something you cooked in. "Rock music" was a fond mother's lullaby, "Eldorado" was an ice cream, a "gay person" was the life and soul of

the party, while "aids" just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder there is a "generation gap" today...BUT

By the grace of God... We have survived.

**Author anon**

## Diary of Events

Month	Day & Date	Event
March	Wed 2nd	Bridge Club
	Tue 8th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 16th	Bridge Club
	Thurs 31st	Wine club lunch
April	Wed 6th	Bridge Club
	Tue 12th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Fri 15th	Abba Night
	Wed 20th	Bridge Club
	Fri 22nd	Wine Club
	Wed 27th	Garden Club
May	Wed 4th	Bridge Club
	Mon 9th	Annual Golf Day
	Tue 10th	Troutstream Investment Club
	<b>Thur 12th</b>	<b>LRA Annual General Meeting</b>
	Wed 18th	Bridge Club
	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wine Club - Vineyard Visit (TBC)
	Tue 24th	Garden Club
June	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bridge Club
	Mon 6th- Thur 9th	Wine Club - Champaign Trip
	Tue 14th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 15th	Bridge Club
	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wine Club - Battle of the Bubbles
	Wed 29th	Garden Club
July	Wed 6th	Bridge Club
	<b>Sun 10th</b>	<b>American Themed Summer Fete</b>
	Tue 12th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 20th	Bridge Club
	Sun 24th	Wine Club - Summer Lunch

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## LRA Annual General Meeting

AGM will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 7:30pm, The Barn, Loudwater Farm.

### AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Approval of minutes of the last AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Chairman's report.
5. Financial matters:-
  - i. Approval of the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015
  - ii. Confirmation of annual subscriptions for 2016 at £10 per household (no change)
  - iii. Appointment of the Auditor for 2016
6. Election of Executive Committee.

Alex Buxton	Chairman
Pat Eckersall**	Treasurer
Anni Sweet	Secretary
Sue Tippen	Membership and Distribution
June Gili-Ross	Events
John Thompson	Environment
Malcolm Hicks	Planning

\*\* Member joining during the year and to be formally elected
7. Environmental Matters
  - i. Planning update – Malcolm Hicks
  - ii. Environment – John Thompson
8. Community Matters
  - i. Bridge Club, Janis Rees
  - ii. Troutsteam Investment Club, Diana Vaughton
  - iii. Wine Club, Tony Hale
  - iv. Garden Club, Margaret Jarrett
  - v. Theatre Club, Shehnaaz Kassamali
  - vi. Golf Club, Percy McCloskey
  - vii. The Ol' Trout, Robert Kenison
9. Members open discussion
10. AOB

## Planning Applications

**Nov 23, 2015 through Feb 15, 2016**

### Application Decisions

Replacement double glazed timber windows.  
The Warren Trout Rise Loudwater Hertfordshire WD3 4JY  
Ref. No: 15/1993/FUL | Received: Wed 30 Sep 2015 | Validated: Tue 13 Oct 2015 | Status: Application Permitted

Demolition of existing carport, sheds and conservatory and erection of single storey and two storey side and rear extension, single storey front extension and rear dormer to include replacement conservatory and alterations to fenestration | Dene Cottage Overstream Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4LD. Ref. No: 15/2220/FUL | Application Permitted.

Garage conversion; part single part two storey rear extension; and alterations to fenestration  
Dormy Wood Bridle Lane Loudwater Hertfordshire WD3 4JH  
Ref. No: 15/2291/FUL | Received: Tue 10 Nov 2015 | Validated: Wed 11 Nov 2015 | Status: Application Permitted

Single storey side extension  
Cherry Trees Loudwater Heights Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4AX  
Ref. No: 15/2296/FUL | Received: Tue 10 Nov 2015 | Validated: Tue 10 Nov 2015 | Status: Application Permitted

Alterations to elevations and roof of existing single storey rear projection  
Gate House Cherry Hill Loudwater Hertfordshire WD3 4JT  
Ref. No: 15/2281/FUL | Received: Mon 09 Nov 2015 | Validated: Thu 19 Nov 2015 | Status: Application Permitted

## New Applications

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Construction of an outbuilding with swimming pool, changing rooms, WC and gym area  
April Cottage Bridle Lane Loudwater Hertfordshire WD3 4JG  
Ref. No: 16/0026/CLPD | Received: Thu 07 Jan 2016 | Validated: Mon 11 Jan 2016 | Status: Pending Consideration

Single storey side extension  
Lilac Cottage Trout Rise Loudwater Hertfordshire WD3 4JZ  
Ref. No: 16/0249/FUL | Received: Thu 04 Feb 2016 | Validated: Fri 12 Feb 2016 | Status: Pending Consideration

Two storey side extension, addition of dormers and alterations to existing front dormer, alterations to chimney and extension to retaining wall and raised patio area  
Hazel Cottage Troutstream Way Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4JN  
Ref. No: 16/0246/FUL | Received: Wed 03 Feb 2016 | Validated: Mon 08 Feb 2016 | Status: Pending Consideration

CAC Conservation Area Consent  
RSP Retrospective planning Application  
CLPD Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development  
CLED Certificate of Lawfulness Existing Development  
DIS Discharge of Conditions  
NMA Non Material Alterations



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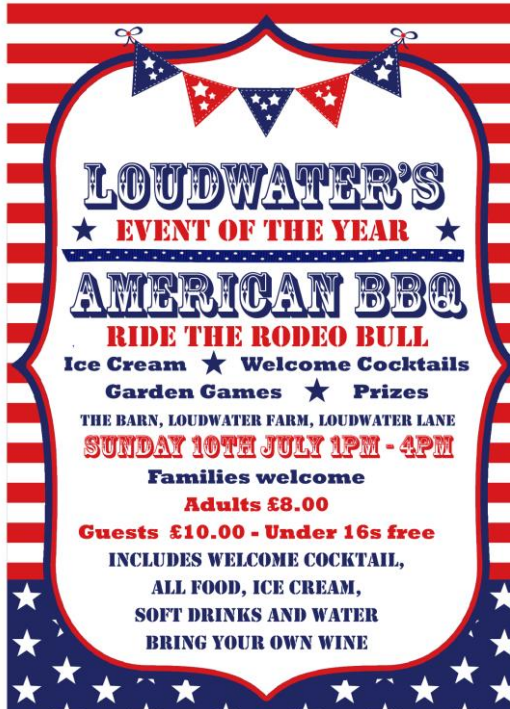
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**LOUDWATER'S**  
★ **EVENT OF THE YEAR** ★  
**AMERICAN BBQ**

**RIDE THE RODEO BULL**  
Ice Cream ★ Welcome Cocktails  
Garden Games ★ Prizes

THE BARN, LOUDWATER FARM, LOUDWATER LANE  
**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1PM - 4PM**  
Families welcome  
**Adults £8.00**  
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